



Two Designs Remain for WTC Site

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By Marisa Ierardi
Staff Reporter

During the past week, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation made a very important decision for New York. Ever since the events of September 11, 2001, there has been many suggestions and comments as to what should be built on the 16 acre World Trade Center site, if anything at all. This past weekend, after many deliberations, the development company picked two design

reasserting the pre-eminence of freedom and beauty, restoring the spiritual peak to the city, and creating an icon that speaks of our vitality in the face of danger and our optimism in the aftermath of tragedy. The design would also consist of PATH trains. The trains would allow the visitors to enter a very sacred, quiet, spiritual space. They would let them travel down some 70 feet into Ground Zero where they could see the deep indelible footprints of Tower One and Tower Two. The trains would also lead us from the past to the



The second finalist, Studio Libeskind, designed a 1,776 foot high tower overlooking several smaller steel towers.

concepts from nine proposals, with intentions of selecting a single plan by February 28. The two visions of what comes next are now competing. According to the "New York Times," both design teams agree that a soaring memorial to the 2,800 people who died in the tragedy should begin immediately, as well as work on transit and other improvements. The towering monument, which reaches 1776 feet high, named the "Gardens of the World," is Daniel Libeskind and his team's vision for the site. According to the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, the gardens would represent the constant affirmation of life and the skyscraper rises above its predecessors,

present. It would take the visitors to a museum of the event, of memory and hope. To honor those who lost their lives there are two large public places in the design. There will be the Park of Heroes and the Wedge of Light. Each year on Sept. 11, between the hours of 8:46 a.m., when the first airplane struck and 10:28 a.m., when the second tower collapsed, the sun will shine without shadow, in tribute to altruism and courage. The second design choice would be called the "Global Center." According to the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation it would be a place where people can gather to celebrate cultural diversity in peaceful and productive coexistence. The level



The first finalist, the International Think Team, design features two decorative steel towers.

of funding will influence the design characteristics, but three different planning concepts have been developed: The Sky Park, The Great Room and The World Cultural Center. The Sky Park would consist of a 16-acre rooftop park with trees, an amphitheater, cafes, an ice-skating rink, and fountains. The park would be a living memorial that floats above the open squares of the footprints of the World Trade Center Towers, and includes the space above, below and surrounding them. On the park perimeter, three larger office towers (including the world's tallest) to redefine the skyline of the City. The Great Room would include two glass cylinders that would protect the footprints of the Towers as they surround the Memorial site and the entrance to the 9/11 Interpretative Museum. Buildings would define the perimeter. The tallest structure in the world (2,100 ft.) would include offices, a hotel and a transmission tower. The third choice of this design would be the Towers of Culture. The World Cultural Center consisting of, two open lattice-work structures would be built above and around the footprints of the towers but without touching them. Within these struc-

tures would be the Memorial, the 9/11 Interpretative Museum, a performing arts center, an International Conference Center, and an open Amphitheater. The towers emerge from large glass reflecting pools that bring natural light to the retail and transit concourse. "I like the fact that the Global Center concept focuses not only on building a memorial to those whose lives were lost on September 11, but also on bringing commerce back into Ground Zero through office buildings and a hotel. I believe that it's just as important to revitalize the economics of Ground Zero and all of New York City as it is to memorialize the victims," commented Nicole Thomas, a junior from Concord, NH.

Rebecca Iraci, a junior from Lindenhurst, NY agreed by saying, "I like the idea of the Global Center. It celebrates life and what we have today, while remembering those who lost their lives on September 11th too." Melissa Hoffmann, a junior from Orange, CT. had a different take on the topic and stated, "I personally think that a memorial should stand where the trade center was, but I think an educational museum should be inside. I don't think that it should be a place of entertainment."

Public Safety Reports

February 6th:

12:06 p.m. - An officer observed a student using a fraudulent handicap parking permit in the Library Lot. Her vehicle was booted.

8:31 p.m. - A Res. Life staff member searched a West Hall room and found alcoholic beverages. Students disposed of the alcohol.

10:26 p.m. - An East Hall fire alarm was activated due to student using electrical hair appliance. Simplex Monitoring called the Bridgeport Police Dept.

10:54 p.m. - South Hall elevator doors were pried open and liquid was poured on the floor. The elevator was placed out of service and B&G was notified.

February 7th:

8:00 a.m. - A staff member fell due to icy roadway conditions in the Visitor Parking Lot. He refused medical assistance.

8:31 a.m. - A staff member hit a student's parked vehicle with a University owned vehicle due to icy road conditions. Bridgeport PD was called.

February 8th:

2:55 a.m. - An intoxicated South Hall resident became ill. 911 was called and he was transported to the hospital via ambulance.

11:44 a.m. - A resident's University ID card was stolen from a cubicle in the Pitt Center. Someone purchased items in Flik with the stolen card.

February 9th:

2:38 p.m. - An officer observed a broken fire strobe in an East Hall study lounge. B&G was notified.

6:11 p.m. - A staff member slipped on ice and was injured in the Curtis Hall parking lot. She declined medical assistance.

February 10th:

2:00 a.m. - A J-Hill resident kicked his room door causing damage.

8:19 a.m. - A University owned vehicle was damaged. The rear door window was broken. Fairfield Police Dept. was called.

9:23 a.m. - A Res. Life staff member confiscated drugs and paraphernalia during a room search in J-Hill.

9:03 p.m. - A West Hall fire alarm was activated due to a resident lighting a string on fire.

News Briefs

SHU Players Production

"I Never Saw Another Butterfly" tomorrow and Saturday at 8p.m. Tickets are \$2 with SHU ID.

Free Movie in the Schine

"Red Dragon" will be shown this weekend on Friday night at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m.

AIDS Awareness Week

The week, sponsored by Phi Omega Tau, will hold its opening ceremonies on Sunday following mass in the Mahogany Room.

Black History Month Continues

Events include: Omega Step Performance (2/17) at 11 p.m. in the Mahogany Room, Movie in the Schine (2/18) at 7 p.m., and Hair Braiding (2/19), location TBA.

Comedian Visits SHU

Buzz Sutherland will perform at 10:10 p.m. in the Outpost on Monday night.

B-I-N-G-O!

Win big prizes next Thursday (2/20) playing BINGO at 10:10 p.m. in the Outpost.

Professor McAllister to Attend Conference in Cuba

By Diana Lumani
Staff Reporter

At a time when the United States has banned travel to Cuba, a Sacred Heart University English professor is seizing the opportunity to visit the country.

"I am not going for political reasons or to make any kind of political statement for or against our current US policy or Fidel Castro," reported the Princeton graduate, Robin McAllister.

The purpose of McAllister's trip is to present an academic

literary studies in Havana. McAllister first heard about this Cuban conference, "Coloquio Mujeres," or "Women's Colloquium" in English, through his friends and colleagues at the IAEA, who were aware of his frequent travels to Latin America, particularly the projects in El Salvador SHU sponsors as part of its Catholic Mission.

What has sparked McAllister's interest to visit Cuba is, "the students, writers, and other professors I shall meet in Cuba are living in a country that has been isolated from the US and the rest of the world for

get to know as many colleagues and students as possible and let them show me the city. If I have an opportunity to travel outside Havana, I would like to visit a wildlife refuge near the infamous Bay of Pigs, site of the failed attempt in 1960 or so by the CIA to invade Cuba and overthrow the Castro regime. But I will try to avoid the official tours and see whether I can find another professor to drive me there. I still remain a student at heart when it comes to doing my own travel, and I like to make it as personal as possible. I'm my own travel agent, and I've taught myself to



Photo by Diana Lumani

Professor Robin McAllister who will travel to Cuba for a special academic reason.

paper on a Cuban woman science fiction writer, Daina Chaviano, whose novels propose remarkable insights into the problems of women writers in a socialist society, and her use of fantasy as a way of suggesting ideas she might not feel free to express openly.

"Sacred Heart has given me a wonderful opportunity over the years to teach World Literature courses as well as my English courses. I had a kind of double major-Spanish and English-for my Comparative Literature degree from Princeton, and not many universities could have provided me the chance to fulfill this potential as much as SHU. I have a special interest in 'fantasy literature' because of one of the courses I teach in World Literature on the subject of 'Magical Realism in Latin American Literature in Translation,' a course I shall be offering this spring at SHU," said McAllister.

The conference McAllister is attending on Women's Studies is at the Casa de las Americas, an institute for cultural and

over 50 years. History, the global economy, and life have passed over this country since the fall of the Soviet Union in 1990 and left it suspended in the past, like Sleeping Beauty's castle. Who knows what is happening or what voices may be awakening and wanting to tell their story behind this Sugarcane Curtain that fell in the 1960's?

A language barrier will be the least of McAllister's concerns, he speaks and reads Spanish fluently, otherwise a trip to Cuba would be difficult on his own. He is also a longtime member and participant of an organization called the International Association of the Fantastic in the Arts.

"We are trying to contact and interview Cuban writers who might be able to attend our conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in the spring," said McAllister. Traveling to the socialist country McAllister hopes to avoid, "the tourist shops and district the Cuban government uses to separate tourists from their dollars and instead hope to visit and

drive, take planes, trains, or cars all over the world from Iraq to Peru.

"So I am going to Cuba, after talking to US officials in the Treasury Department, on my own. As a professor going for academic reasons I am exempt from the official travel ban on Americans going to Cuba, but I cannot travel there directly. I will drive up to Montreal, Canada and fly from there to Cuba on Cubana airlines for a savings of almost \$1000 if I had gone through a travel agent here. I'm sure there will be some discomfort, delay, and uncertainty, but that is all part of the adventure of travel as far as I am concerned," reported McAllister.

Professor McAllister will be making this journey from February 15 to February 22, "hardly enough time to get to know a city or a country, but plenty of time to make friends and contacts that will remain with me in the future as have so many other students and professors I have met in the past," said McAllister.

The Seniors' Mystery Revealed at the Brickyard

By Keri Nastri
Staff Reporter

"Where are we going?" asks an unsuspecting senior. "You'll find out when we get there," comes a reply from the front of the bus. These were the conversations heard as all four buses left for the Senior Mystery Trip, last Tuesday night, February 4. The mystery trip is an annual event

time to put together but it was definitely worth all the work." This year the event was held at The Brick Yard, approximately 45 minutes away, or an estimated 60 minutes by bus, in Connecticut's capital city, Hartford. For a ten dollar ticket a senior got a ride on an activity bus, which is code for semi-coach, admission to the bar, food, and reduced rates on drinks at the bar. As for entertainment, a local DJ was hired and there were sev-

for me. I hung out with some old friends that I hadn't seen since freshman year and we all danced on the bar together." When everyone first arrived there was a rush for the bar.

However, after most people got their first round no one had to wait more than five minutes to get a drink. The DJ played music ranging from R&B and Rap, to House music. Requests were made all night allowing the seniors to hear exactly what they wanted. The entire night the dance floor was crowded with all social groups joined together to dance to a song that was a shared favorite. In the middle of the night when things were getting heated up girls began to climb on the bar and dance for everyone. The crowd went wild as everyone cheered for their peers. Unfortunately, the bar made last call at 12:30 a.m.

At this time approximately 300 seniors stumbled back to the buses. This is when the night started to get a little out of control. Almost everyone that left the bar was intoxicated, "300drunk people, no bathroom, and a bumpy, hour-long bus ride, do not make a good combination," commented senior Julie Furhman of Stony Point, NY. After the students were dropped back at Sacred Heart, the bus drivers discovered bags filled with vomit and urine.

The SHU Shuttles even ran extra late that night to take the students back to

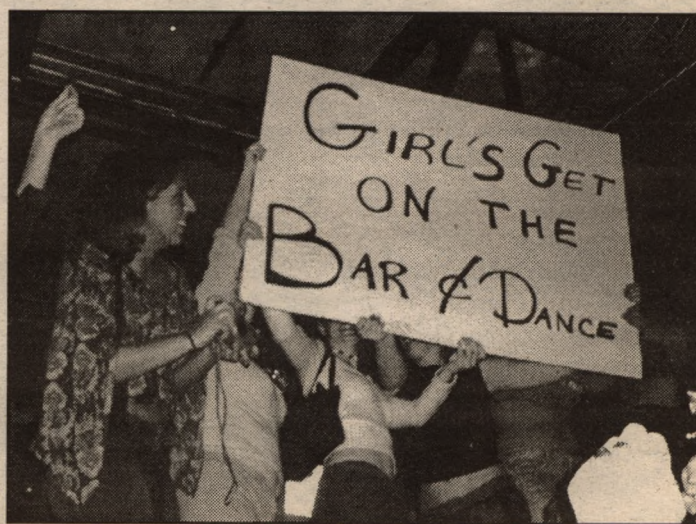


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that is sponsored by the graduating class. However, to keep the trip a true mystery only the president of the class books the location and plans the entire event. "I really hope that everyone had a good night," said Senior Class President Kathleen Haughey of Morganville, NJ. "It took some

eral pool tables for the students' billiard needs. Senior Stefano DiSorbo of Hamden said, "It was a great night, I won all my games at pool, had some good drinks, and no one fought."

Another senior, Danielle Wiederlight of Ramsey, NJ, stated that, "It was a great night

their off-campus apartments. The next day seniors could be found back in school commenting on what a spectacular evening they had.

"This was one of the best nights I have had at Sacred Heart, I can't wait for Senior Week," said Bill Weiss of Farmingdale, NY.

Get Your Lips Ready

By Maureen Daley
Staff Reporter

On Monday, February 24, Sacred Heart's University Commons will be hopping. A Lip Sync Contest, sponsored by the Class of 2005, will begin at 10:10 p.m. and is sure to be an eventful night for all who attend.

"It's going to be an awesome night for the performers and everyone that comes to watch. So I hope to see the University Commons packed," says member of the lip sync committee sophomore Danielle Bachini, of Feeding Hills, MA.

Sign ups for the event began on February 10 in the Student Government Office in Hawley Lounge. The first 15 students or groups to sign up will participate in the lip sync, and all students are welcome to participate.

However group performances are only allowed to have a maximum of five people. So if you not already done so and wish

to be a contestant in the event, be sure to get to the Student Government Office and sign up before it is too late.

Contestants can choose any song they like, as long as it is less than four minutes. A panel of three judges, all from Sacred Heart University, will judge participants on accuracy, style and overall performance.

Prizes will be awarded to first and second place contestants. The first place winner, or winners, will win \$300, while the runner up will be awarded \$100.

"It's going to be a profitable night for someone," states host of the contest, sophomore Michael "Hoogz" Hougasian of Thompson.

"It should be funny," says sophomore Ben Marchant of Hopkinton, MA. "People shouldn't be judged on how good they are, because crowd reaction is key to winning."

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SHU Students React to Powell's Address

By Sarah Keller
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, February 5, General Colin Powell addressed the Security Council at the United Nations. His address contained detailed information as to exactly what weapons of mass destruction the Iraqi government possessed.

Iraqi officials denied the allegations claiming that many of Powell's accusations "made me smile because they are so far from truth." Students at SHU had their own opinions as to who is telling the truth.

Jerry Doyle, a junior from East Greenwich RI, thinks that Iraq is telling the truth. "I don't think Iraq has weapons of mass destruction." He went on to say that "I don't think we have any business being there."

Other students have the opposite point of view. Freshman Jessie Bizzak of Wilton, CT, feels that "Iraq has had enough warnings" and it is time to go to war.

Other students' opinions



(Above) Secretary of State Colin Powell addressed the nation last week on issues with Iraq.



(Right) Saddam Hussein is seen as a threat to many in the SHU community and around the US.

lie somewhere in the middle. Kristen Bowers, a junior from Yonkers NY, is one such student. When asked who she thought was telling the truth she responded "Powell spoke the truth but he may have exaggerated to gain the support of United States citizens for war."

Still, another perspective is that of countries like France and Germany; that the UN inspectors should have more time to investigate before going to war. Junior Pat Sullivan of Groton, CT, would agree. "The Inspectors deserve more time. The value of our soldiers' lives is too great to go to war until we are sure it is right."

However, students like Jackie Neylon, a junior from

point we have to draw the line or Hussein will take advantage of our inaction."

When asked what would happen if the US went to war without the support of other countries Sullivan responded, "They won't support Iraq, but they won't support the US either because they will see the US as overly aggressive and no longer the peace maker we have always been."

Who is telling the truth? Will the US give the inspectors more time? Will the US go to war? These are the questions the Students of SHU and students across the country are asking them selves.

Hadley MA, think that a decision needs to be made regardless if other countries agree. "We need the support of our allies, but at some

Public Safety Seeks New Director After O'Connell's Resignation

By Katie Fanning
Staff Reporter

Campus Security is a concern for any college or university in this day and age, and students and faculty members took notice last week as the news of the resignation of William O'Connell, Director of Public Safety circulated. Sr. Donna Dodge sent a global email on January 28 announcing his departure from his seven-year tenure at Sacred Heart University.

Supervisor Jack Fernandez has since taken over O'Connell's position as acting Director of Public Safety. Fernandez has been a Public safety staff member at SHU since 1993, however his position as director is only temporary.

Sr. Donna Dodge, Vice President and director for Mission and Planning here at SHU, was unable to comment on the circumstances or reasons for Mr. O'Connell's resignation, as well as Public Safety staff. According to Sr. Donna, "I had a good working relationship with Mr. O'Connell and I wish him much success in his future endeavors. A national search is being conducted for a new Director of Public Safety and a

University-wide search committee is being appointed."

While the situation at Public Safety appears to be in hand, students still have concerns of their own. "I don't really even know who the Director was. I

or just new policies would help make SHU a safer environment but I just keep hearing rumors about break-ins, mainly at off campus locations which makes me wonder about our security policies and how well they are

from Rutland, VT.

"I have never had any problems with Public Safety and as for a management change I think that all depends on the person that takes his place if they care enough to make sure that public

resigned. But I'm not too concerned about Public Safety, they work hard over there and seem to have a firm grasp on what they were doing, I think they'll be just fine," says junior RA Derrick Russo from Boston, MA.

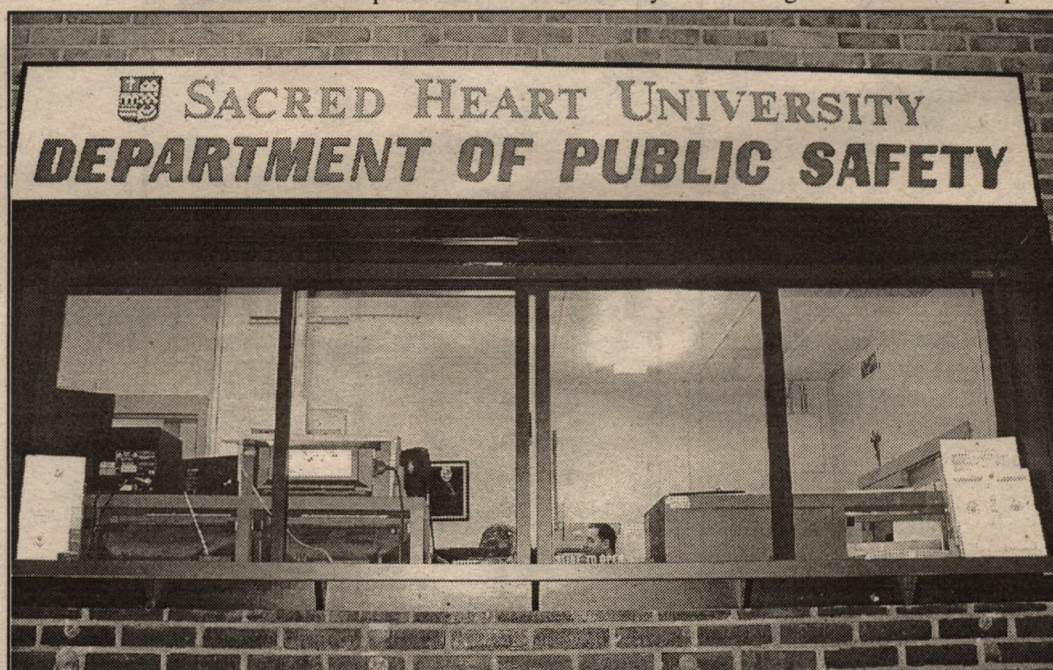


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The Department of Public Safety is currently in search of a new director.

am not really concerned about Sacred Heart security, but I think Avalon needs to be better with their security situation with what has happened here recently," expressed junior Marc Ferraiolo from East Haven, CT. "I'm not sure if new leadership

enforced. A friend of mine had her car stolen a few weeks ago from outside Taft. I know people who paid a lot of money for garage and lot passes just because there were uncomfortable with the area," says Taft resident and junior, Jackie Turro

can. I know that if I ever feel unsafe about walking alone at night I can just call public safety. I feel safe I have always felt safe on this campus," claims junior Shelley Russo from Cheshire, CT.

"I didn't even know he

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According to the Public Safety website, Sacred Heart University places a high priority on the personal safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Also according to a previous Spectrum poll, 88% of the students surveyed felt that the campus was safe. While Public Safety continues a search for a new leader and the nation faces frightening horizons, students continue to ponder issues of security and campus control.

Sacred Heart Spreads the Love

By Eileen Gulian
Staff Reporter

This past Sunday Sacred Heart University and Residential Life kicked off "Peace and Love Week" which will continue until Wednesday the 26th of February. Residential Life's motto is "We can not all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

On Sunday events included chocolate rose making, and all sorts of candies. Taryn Mahoney a RA at Taft Commons planned this event and stated, "My residents and I had a great time even though we made a huge mess."

Other events since Sunday have included a viewing of "Three Kings," Valentine making, and baking Valentine's Day cookies. In addition, Professor Abbas Amanat, of Yale University, visited SHU to speak about the historical roots of terrorism. Also, Patty Quartuccio from Hopeline spoke on healthy decision making in

relationships.

Meagan Walsh, from Stewart Manor, NY, stated, "Decision making in relationships can sometimes be stressful. This event made me aware that it doesn't always have to be complicated if there is proper communication."

If you have yet to attend an event during "Peace and Love Week" there are still many more opportunities. You can join Res. Life tonight at 8:00 p.m. for the "Peace and Love" double feature "American History X" and "Pay it Forward" in the Parkridge Community room.

Katrina Coakley, Director of Residential Life stated, "These events help promote peace and love in a generic way."

SHU players are contributing to "Peace and Love Week" by presenting "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" on both Friday and Saturday. This is Raja's story of her time at Terezin, a former military garrison set up as a ghetto, where she saw thousands of Jewish children pass through on their way to Auschwitz. They will perform

at 7:00 p.m. in the University Theater.

Then on Tuesday February 25th at 10:10 p.m. there will be pies everywhere! The Pie in the Face fundraiser will be held in the Outpost to benefit the mission to El Salvador. The money raised will help the cost of building houses in El Salvador.

Last but certainly not least on Wednesday February 26 at 2:30 p.m. Fr. Roy Bougeois, MaryKnoll Priest, and a Vietnam Veteran speak on guns, greed, and globalization in the University Commons. This event is sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics.

Junior April Paredy (East Haddam) said, "I believe that this event will be very informative to the Sacred Heart student body, as will all the events with their focus on standard issues of love throughout the world."

Residential Life wants everyone to think about this quote: "My country is the world and my religion is to do good."



Photo by Susan Magnano

Want a Clean Room? Hire a Maid!

By Lindsey Gershkoff
Staff Reporter

Shelling out ten bucks for a clean dorm is not bad, especially when it is for a good cause. Sacred Heart University's Women's Lacrosse team is planning to travel to Chicago to play against Northwestern University but as of now does not have the funds to do so.

However on Saturday, February 22, the girls are willing to work hard for their money. From 2-4 p.m. they will be volunteering (for their team) to clean their fellow students' dorms. For the small fee of 10 dollars per dorm room and five dollars per person for apartments, Sacred Heart's lacrosse ladies will diligently dust and vacuum.

Junior Amy Lavoie (Nashua, NH) usually takes her position as

goalie, but will temporarily take the position of "maid." Lavoie says, "this is the first thing like this that we've done to raise funds... We've only sold t-shirts and ran high school camps, so

this is something new and different." According to Lavoie, "the whole team is excited about the possibility of going to Chicago and are willing to clean if that's what it takes."

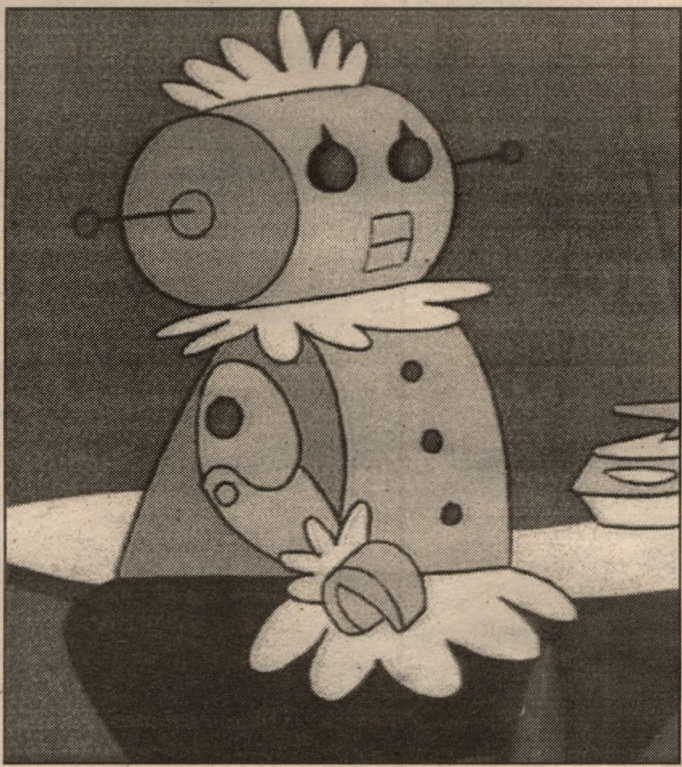
The team members are not the only people excited about the upcoming fundraiser.

The LAX girls may have their work cut out for them in some rooms, however others feel that the price may not be worth it. Senior Lindsay Kunda from Masapequa, NY, says, "our apartment isn't messy enough for five dollars per person, but maybe others will get their moneys worth."

According to head coach Laura Korutz, the girls promise to dust, vacuum, mop and sweep until the job is complete.

The team members will have some good clean fun while gracefully reaching for their goal but can not do it without the support of the school's community. Those willing to assist the Lady Pioneers

Lacrosse team can sign up for a cleaning time outside of Flik, for the remainder of this week from 11-1p.m. If all goes well the team would like to make this an annual fundraising event.



The Women's Lacrosse team will be working as hard as Rosie the Robot this Saturday as they clean up dorms to raise money.

According to junior Gregory Tonzola from Denville, NJ, "lots of guys would be happy to pay. Five dollars per person isn't bad, especially for our apartment." Tonzola adds, "but our apartment is really gross."

Valentine's Day Messages

Jeanine,
Happy Valentine's Day
and One Year Anniversary!
I love you so much sweetie!

Tim

Zygote:
I love you so much!
"40,000 brothers, with
all their love, could not
make up my sum."

Love, Kath

To the Spectrum
Ladies,
Can't wait to dance
all night at Pleasure
Island again! Happy
Valentine's Day!

- Your Secret Admirer

To the Spectrum Staff -
Thanks for being the
best staff ever! You
guys are awesome!
Happy Valentine's
Day!

Love, Sami

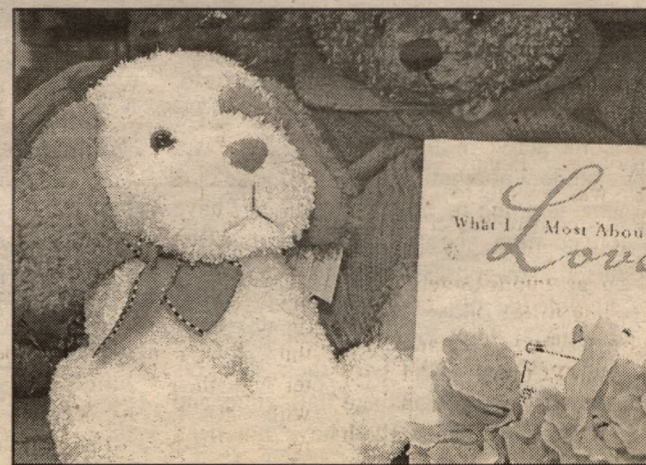


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EDITORIALS

When is it OK to Say..."I am Scared"?

As I sat and watched the news the other afternoon we were moved to a "High" alert on the Homeland Security Advisory System's scale: You know, the one that ranges from low to severe, with high being the choice one step under severe. Suddenly, there was this pang of fear in me that I had felt before, but never really paid much mind to. And, then I realized...I was scared...and it was time that I admitted to that.

There are so many students, as Sarah Keller points out in her editorial below, who are so blissfully ignorant to the ongoing possibility that we may be going to war, and for those few students who have the faintest idea, they barely put together a coherent thought on the whole matter.

It is amazing to me, that people who have the wonderful opportunity of an education, will not look outside the realm of the bars and clubs for one moment, and see that their fathers, brothers, and possibly boyfriends could be called off to war to fight to protect our country. As I sat and thought about my brother, my father, my uncles, cousins, friends...I knew just how terrified I have become.

Now, maybe it is not completely the fault of the students here, and anywhere for that matter. We have had the luxury of living in a country that is not in constant inner turmoil. We have the benefit of walking into a university every morning and not worrying about someone driving up in a van with a bomb because we are being educated. Women are not living in fear of being killed by their husbands or having acid thrown in their faces for speaking up for what they believe in. Our siblings are not playing in pockmarked skeletons of blown up foundations to homes. This is the grim reality that we do not know.

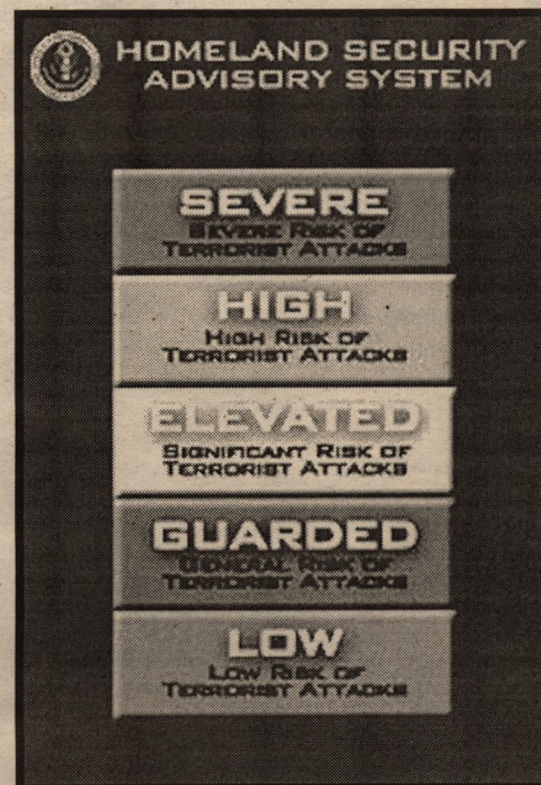
However, it does not mean that we can go on living in the ignorant cocoon that we are in now. In a passing

conversation with Dean Wielk the other afternoon, he expressed his deep concern to me about the fact that so many students here at SHU are so consumed with other things, that they fail to look outside the perimeters of this campus. There are constantly speakers and other informational seminars on what is going on in our world, yet not many students feel the need to participate in these activities.

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I only hope that, maybe those of you who will read this, Sarah's editorial, or watch the news, will try and learn about the grim reality that we could be facing, that some of you will wake up to the fact that our country could very well be on the brink of a war that could change the world...and you forever. Even if you are on the Internet, go to www.cnn.com, and get the information you need.

By Samantha DeVita
Editor-in-Chief



Is your fear level at high, low, or severe? Maybe it is at guarded...which ever one, you better know soon.

We Do Not Live in a Bubble!

Dear Editor,

The world we are living in at the moment is filled with controversy and nationally important issues. Why is it then that the students at SHU don't seem to care? We are a country on the verge of war, yet here at SHU we don't talk about it unless forced to for classes. It seems that the next sorority or fraternity function is more important than the fact that there are more US soldiers getting shipped to Iraq every week.

I hear more moaning and groaning about parking issues than the fact that the world might be about to face an international war with the added threat of nuclear, chemical and biological warfare. One of our own students was recently shipped off to face this threat, so why are we not paying attention?

It is a sad state of affairs that we, the college educated youth of today, don't pay attention or simply don't care. Are we that self-involved with our daily focus on our next exams and social life at SHU that we can't see what is going on around us? We do not live in a bubble here, we are a part of the world, it affects us, and its time that we start to recognize that and become active in the world.

We as a student population need to educate ourselves on what is going on around us. When I have initiated conversation about the US/Iraq conflict with students the responses I usually get express a lack of knowledge of our student body. Many students have the "I don't know and don't want to know" attitude. While others base their thoughts about the issue on assumptions and half-truths and express their opinions when they have not been properly informed.

My questions are: How will we feel if someone we know dies in combat and we have not informed

ourselves as to why? What will we do if our own university is threatened by chemical warfare and we have not educated ourselves on the issues?

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This is not an era where we can afford the luxury of ignorance. We are part of a total society. We are part of the community of the United States of America. These issues affect us. We need to educate ourselves on these issues and start talking about them. We need to understand that there are many different perspectives on this conflict even within our own university. We need to start taking an active role in what is going on in the world. We do not live in a bubble. These issues are in our own backyard.

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The Reality Behind Valentine's Day

Is Valentine's Day really necessary? I asked myself this very question when I was recently at the mall only to be surrounded by hearts, cupids, and an overabundance of red roses.

Just like any other female, I enjoy having my boyfriend give me presents and telling me how he feels. However, I would have to argue that this holiday really isn't a necessity and I think it's become such a frenzy commercially, it's only natural to want to celebrate it, that is if you have a significant other.

On the other hand, this holiday seems to go out of its way for weeks to emphasize the fact that you need to have a Valentine, and if you don't well basically it sucks for you. You're constantly reminded of when you did have a boyfriend/girlfriend, that fact that you may want one, or the fact that you're flat out single. It really doesn't matter whether you're single or not, and even though it really shouldn't bother you or anyone else, I'm sure that somewhere deep down inside it does for some people.

Still, it's also another day to send cute little Valentine's Day cards to your friends or family and maybe even score some gifts from them. It's pretty funny, because many people buy cards, and such just for this little day that no one really knows what it stands for. We all buy into it, and what's really sad is that it's pretty much just a waste of money.

Then there are the never-ending lines at all the stores. One would think it wouldn't be too bad because it's not like Christmas or anything...WRONG! I purposely bought all of my Valentine's Day gifts for my boyfriend and cards for my friends and family a week before the holiday just to avoid the lines and chaos that the stores will most definitely have. Yet even going a week ahead of everyone else, thinking I may be missing the rush, I was still in that Hallmark line for almost 15 minutes, looks like I wasn't the only one with that idea, which shows once again people may be putting in too much time or thought for such a day.

What's even better is the fact that, and any girl will tell you, how simple men have it on this holiday to buy numerous gifts for their lady love. Any store you walk



into has huge selection of things to buy for any female. But, buying for the males is a different story, because girls just can't go out and buy jewelry, flowers, or anything like that. Women have to search for something to buy, and they know it that whatever they find probably won't compare to the man's gift, even if it is homemade.

This year though to all the girls who are looking my suggestion to you is "Old Navy" with they've got heart and kisses boxer shorts, pajama pants, little stuffed animals, etc., which aren't too expensive and seem so cute

that even your guy may appreciate them. Because I mean how many framed pictures or yourself or the two of you can you give before he starts to have his own collection?

We really don't know what this holiday is all about either. Most people would tell you it's dedicated to a saint right? Well there's a little bit more to it than that. What I found out is what most of us don't even care enough to know and why should we, I know I didn't until I bothered to look it up.

Legend has it that St. Valentine left a farewell note for a jailer's daughter, who had become his girlfriend, and he signed it "From Your Valentine". Other versions of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at a temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius at some point had Valentine jailed for defying him. Then in 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Now gradually over time, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. Sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers marked the date. Now a days there is often a social gathering or a ball/dance for this date. I think we can all agree that this holiday has become way too commercialized and that it's also become biased to the single people. We've all been single at some point, and even though I'm not, that didn't stop me from still getting somewhat annoyed.

So, on this Valentine's Day while we all enjoy the precious gifts, cards and candy, let's also recognize that while it's a nice gesture and all, if love or even like someone there shouldn't have to be one specific day out of the year to shower them with expensive candies, poems, flowers and gifts. You should be able to do those nice gestures any day, and if not, there's always your birthday and Christmas right?

*By Jessica Gruszkiewicz
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The SHU Voices

-Compiled by Susan Magnano

What are your big plans this Valentines Day?



Franco Cartera

New Britain, C.T.
Senior

"Going to the bar with my friends."



Diana Hellriegel

Southbury, N.Y.
Junior

"My original plan was to go to a male strip bar, but couldn't find one open on Friday."



George DeSousa

Milford, C.T.
Senior

"Take a special girl on my very own senior mystery trip."

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FEATURES

Grad School: To Go Or Not To Go?

By Diana Lumani
Staff Reporter

Seniors, college undergraduate days are rapidly coming to an end! Worried about entering the proverbial "real world?" Excited to increase income and meet new people? Relieved not to have to take any more tests and write papers? Sad that it's over? Most students about to graduate are probably experiencing all of these feelings and more at some level. For some students, college will be the end of their academic career, but for many, graduate school is right around the corner.

Making life decisions during such a time of transition can be difficult. Deciding whether to attend graduate school is a significant decision. The core reason to attend graduate school is to pursue your chosen career path. Graduate school is quite different from undergraduate college. It

requires more focused and sustained work, involves more intensive relationships with faculty and other students, and makes significantly greater demands on a student's personal identity.

In light of the challenges, graduate school can also be rewarding and intellectually stimulating. It is an opportunity to meet new and interesting people, and to increase investment for higher gains. In fact, according to recent surveys by Princeton.com, Americans with a graduate degree earn an average of 35 percent to 50 percent more than those with only a bachelor's degree. And that is just one reason why over a million people entered graduate programs in the United States last year.

"I'm considering grad school because I want to avoid looking for a job during the tough time with the slow job market," said Kelly Moore a senior from Rye, NY.

While this view is common and acceptable for undergraduates, it can present a real problem at the graduate level,

where you are expected to have clearly defined interests leading to an area of specialization.

"You can get through your undergraduate education, if you care to, without ever really thinking about who you are or what you want to accomplish in the world," said Monica Caryallo a Grad student from Westport.

"In graduate school, though, your personal identity will almost certainly undergo great transform. You will gain a particular sort of professional identity: you will become known as the person who wrote such-and-such a paper, who did such-and-such research, who refuted such-and-such theory, or who initiated such-and-such line of inquiry. This process can be enormously fulfilling. But it's not cut out for everyone," said Carvalho.

"I'm not attending grad school just yet. I think it's necessary to gain work experience related to my interests before entering," said senior Timothy Michaels of Monroe.

"By working, I've heard that

graduate school can lead to a more effective graduate program," Michaels said.

Related work experience will help clarify career goals. Learning what it takes to be successful in a given profession, and assessing one's abilities accordingly: this knowledge can help students decide on an area of specialization.

Secondly, the perspective, learning, and maturity acquired from practical experience can be applied to the theoretical concepts promoted in a person's studies and should increase his or her understanding of them.

If students find that they are choosing graduate school in order to continue exploring their career options, or because they do not feel quite ready to go out into the work world, than they might want to reconsider their decision. Gaining some

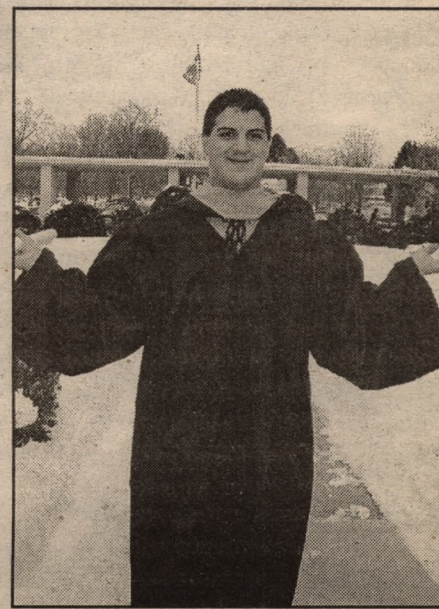


Photo by Susan Magnano

Gary Turco is trying to decide whether he wants to go to graduate school or not. He is pictured above weighing his options.

work experience before going to graduate school may actually be the best way to achieve that goal.

What Wicca Is All About

By Jennifer Motisi
Staff Reporter

At Sacred Heart, students are required to take at least one religion class where they are usually taught the basics of religions such as Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Recently, however, in Dr. Greeley's Women in American Religion class, students were introduced to Wicca, a small, but growing religion. In the class, they are exploring the many facets of women's spirituality and religious experiences.

"For the most part, students in the course explore women in the mainstream religious traditions, Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism, and Islam, in the United States. However, some of those explorations go beyond the 'mainstream' into smaller but robust sectarian movements like Wicca," explains Dr. Greeley, Assistant Professor for Sacred Heart's Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

While most people have heard of Wicca before, many are unaware of the beliefs behind the religion, and some tend to believe the stereotypes surrounding this religion due to the fact that it is still a religion of the minority.

According to the Celtic Connection, a reliable internet website, Wicca is "a very peaceful, harmonious and balanced way of thinking and life which promotes oneness with the divine and all which exists."

Dr. Greeley sees Wicca in a similar light.

"Wicca speaks of harmonious co-existence with all of creation, acknowledges a Divine force, speaks of a code of ethics based on the teaching 'do as you will, but do harm to no one,' and really does not castigate other religious systems," Dr. Greeley explains.

According to a Religious Tolerance organization, there are many beliefs as to the origins of Wicca. Gerald Garner, a Wiccan expert, writes that Wicca began during the pre-historic period, where fire and fertility were celebrated. Soon this worship evolved into a religion where "lesser gods," as well as the Goddess of Fertility, and the God of the Hunt were worshipped.

Worship was basically moon based, and it continued on this way for years. By the middle of the twentieth century much of Wiccan theology had been lost, as covens began to lose touch with each other. The Celtic Connection defines covens as "a group of thirteen or fewer

witches that work together in an organized fashion for positive magickal endeavors or to perform religious ceremonies."

Later, Wicca was revived, as the beliefs were brought to light. While this is the belief of some Wiccans, others discount this theory and maintain that from Celtic times until the twentieth century there was not a strong following of this tradition. They believe that present day Wicca was created through the merging of some Celtic beliefs, deity structure, and seasonal days of celebration with modern material from ceremonial magic, and various other sources.

Some Wiccans think that Wicca, as a religion, can be traced back to a small group in New England during the early twentieth century.

More recently, according to the Religious Tolerance Organization, Wicca is the largest of the minority religions in America. This makes Wicca the fifth largest religion in the United States, behind Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and Hinduism.

Wicca tends to be heavily stereotyped. The Church and School of Wicca talks about many of these stereotypes and frequently asked questions. One of the first concerns that people voice is, "Do Witches worship the Devil

or participate in satanic rituals?"

The Church and School of Wicca answers with a firm no, "Satan, or the Devil, is a concept not to be found outside of Judeo-Christianity, Islam, and Zoroastrianism. A person must be working through the paradigm of a Holy Bible in order to believe in Satan."

Wiccans do not worship the Devil, or perform "black magic" or evil acts. In reality, Wicca is a peaceful and very spiritual religion. While Wiccans do not believe in one God, as the Christian concept defines it, they have many different Gods and Goddesses.

A second frequently asked question refers to the Wiccan symbol of the pentagram having an association with the Devil. The Church and School of Wicca again dismisses this statement, "The pentagram in its correct state (one point up, standing on two points) represents the perfected human. The upside-down pentagram means the opposite. In Wicca, the five points represent our basic beliefs."

In Wiccan religion, there are five basic beliefs. The first is known as the "Wiccan Rede." It states, "If it harm none, do what you will." According to the Church and School of

Wicca, that is a sort of "commandment," and the other four beliefs are just that, beliefs. The second belief is "The Law of Attraction," third is "Harmony and Serenity," fourth is "Power through Knowledge," and fifth, "Progressive Reincarnation."

Wiccans are known as "witches," regardless of being male or female. It is a common thought that the word "warlock" is a term for a male witch, but according to the Celtic Connection, warlock means "liar," or "traitor." While many Wiccans practice privately, others join covens.

At one point or another, most religious traditions have been, or still are, being scrutinized and stereotyped, and Wicca is no different. While Wicca may seem different than some religions most are used to, such as Christianity or Judaism, a closer look at the beliefs illustrate that it is not so different after all. To those who are still skeptics, it should be kept in mind that some of the more important ideas in the Wiccan religion involve peace, harmony, and spirituality, ideals that most religions encompass.

Cupid's Arrows Strike SHU Students

By Jennifer Motisi
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day is known as the holiday where love is celebrated and honored, where people give and receive candy and flowers from loved ones. Everyone celebrates this holiday differently, and students at Sacred Heart are no exception.

Steve Giunta, a senior from Metuchen, New Jersey, plans to spend this holiday with his girlfriend of about two and a half years, Jess, also a senior at Sacred Heart. The couple has planned a dinner and night in New Haven. While Giunta is going to celebrate this holiday, he also has different views on the holiday.

"I think it is too commercialized. When you are with someone, it gives you time to appreciate your relationship. When I wasn't in one, I thought it was a pointless holiday..."
Steve Giunta

"I think it is too commercialized. When you are with someone, it gives you time to appreciate your relationship. When I wasn't in one, I thought it was a pointless holiday because when you are alone, it doesn't have much meaning," Giunta said.

While Giunta will be spending this Valentine's Day with his girlfriend, sophomore Carolyn Rich will be miles away from her boyfriend of three years, which is hard on the couple.

"Now it is a little hard to celebrate because we live four hours away from each other. We don't have any plans for Valentine's Day this year because I am here and he is back home. It is hard being away from the one you love on the day that you celebrate love," she said. Rich believes that Valentine's

"I think that Valentine's Day is a special time reserved for a couple to be together, or a time when you just want to say, 'I love you' to your closest friends"
Carolyn Rich

Day is not only a day for couples, but for love in general.

"I think that Valentine's Day is a special time reserved for a couple to be together, or a time when you just want to say, 'I love you' to your closest friends," said Rich.

Danielle Naclerio, a sophomore from North Haven agrees with Rich. "I think that Valentine's Day is just a day to remind those that are closest to you how much you love them."

Like many others, Naclerio isn't really sure how she is celebrating this year.

"As for plans for this year... finding the right valentines to give out to my friends...as far as any other plans its all up in the air," Naclerio states.

Naclerio isn't the only Sacred Heart student unsure of Valentine's Day plans. Sophomore Joe Finis of New Providence, New Jersey, treats Valentine's Day the same as every day of the year.

"Valentine's Day is just like any other day for me, except that I tend to realize that I'm alone on that day more than any other," Finis said.

Finis believes that his idea of Valentine's Day would be different if he had a girlfriend.

"I probably wouldn't sit around. I would enjoy it a lot more and my girlfriend would be the most spoiled woman on the face of the earth," he said.

While millions of people celebrate Valentine's Day, many don't realize the true meaning behind the holiday. Most have heard of St. Valentine and Cupid, but few know why they are honored with this holiday.

According to one legend,

Valentine was a Roman priest during the third century. Also during this time, Emperor Claudius II ruled the land.

Being that he thought soldiers were better warriors single than married, he outlawed marriage for these men. Valentine saw this practice as unfair, so he went behind the back of lawmakers, and married couples in secret. When the Emperor found out about the actions of Valentine, he ruled that Valentine be put to death.

A second legend states that Valentine was not a priest, but an imprisoned man who fell in love with the daughter of his jailor. Again, his death sentence was imposed, but before he was put to death, he wrote his lover a letter and signed it, "Your Valentine."

"I probably wouldn't sit around [with my girlfriend]. I would enjoy it a lot more and my girlfriend would be the most spoiled woman on the face of the earth"
Joe Finis

Another man associated with Valentine's Day is Cupid. According to Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of Venus, who is the goddess of love, and counterpart to Eros, the god of love. It was said that Cupid goes around shooting arrows at other gods and humans, and these arrows caused them to fall in love.

Whether any of these legends are true or not, it stands to be said that Valentine's Day is a highly celebrated holiday. In fact, the amount of greeting cards sent for this day comes second only to Christmas. People have all different feelings about Valentine's Day, as well as different events planned for this year. Even if these legends stand to be completely false, the meaning behind Valentine's Day is important: to remind others how much they are loved and cherished.

Poems From The "Heart"

Sapphire

Look over and catch that glance.
Let yourself go, and take that chance.
Because when I see my girly with endless eyes.
Like looking into endless blue skies.
And I want so bad to see something I recognize.
Let me be everything you admire.
Whisper to you anything you inquire.
Take you higher than your deepest desire.
But I'm growing tired, baby just say you'll be my sapphire.
So baby just slip with me.
Slip off into serendipity.
I just don't feel like being knocked down again.
This time I could use more than a friend.
Because sometimes I wish I just didn't mind.
Yet day after day I tell myself it's gonna work out fine.
Because sometimes it seems I am just another fad.
Or am I the best thing you never had.
Let me be everything you admire.
Whisper to you anything you inquire.
Take you higher than your deepest desire.
But I'm growing tired, baby just say you'll be my sapphire.
But everyone has been there.
When that love struck world is just out of reach.
When it seems that everything is about to breach.
Stuck in a world of shattered glass.
Where everything starts and ends just as fast.
I want to jump in, but sometimes it's too shallow.
Sometimes it gets so hard that I can't even swallow.
But who knows maybe my wave has finally rolled in.
It's been a pretty good movie, what say we watch it again.

By Chris Skelton

How Many Fires

How many fires
Dot the landscape
The world revealed within yourself
A past of control and paternity
Organized with stealth
Stayed with eternity
To each his own
Selfish and unsure
Insignificant and lonely individuals
Remain the all of what I see
My image is residual
With hatred in degree
I will defeat
My eternity
The demon world struggles inside
The angelic hosts forsake our young
Saints graciously die
Unholy and unsung
The world moves
Our world remains
Subtle hints at mindful separation
With hope and longing we endure
With singular elation
Of pain nevermore

By Michael Smith

LOVE POLL

Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?

YES
55%



NO
35%



NOT SURE
10%



Getting Personal with the King Of Shock

By Colleen Mitrano
Staff Writer

Last Thursday February 6, ABC aired the special; "Living with Michael Jackson," in which British journalist Martin Bashir was allowed complete access to Jackson's life for 8 months. In this rare interview no questions were off limits and Jackson was faced with answering some of the most personal questions about his controversial life.

The interview began with Jackson and Bashir walking on the grounds of Jackson's 3,000 acre Neverland Ranch, which entails not only a house but also an amusement park and a zoo.

Jackson stated in the interview that the ranch was inspired by the story "Peter Pan," because Peter was the boy that never grew up.

The first thing in Jackson's life that Bashir asked about was his childhood. Michael stated that as a child he wanted to go and play like normal children, but he could not because he had to record in the studio. Michael also opened up about the alleged accusations made that his father abused him as a child. Jackson told Bashir that his father was very disciplined and that if the boys messed up their dance moves he would hit them with his belt.

"He would tear you up, really get you...we were terrified of him, I was so scared I would

regurgitate from his presence," stated Jackson when Bashir asked about the allegations.

Jackson then very emotionally went on to state that is why he does not lay a hand on his children.

"I do not want my children to feel that."

Continuing on about his childhood, Bashir asked Jackson about the rumors that his father

that he did not want to face the public in fear of being made fun of. Jackson then stated, "My father would say, God your nose is so big, you did not get that from me." Those comments affected Jackson so much that he said, "It makes a kid want to die, I would have been happier wearing a mask."

Bashir then used this opportunity to ask Jackson about his ever-changing appearance, in which Michael insisted he has had only two surgeries.

"I've only had two surgeries that I can remember on my nose, and they were done to help me breath so I can hit higher notes."

Jackson then insisted that all the rumors about cheek implants and a manmade clef in his chin are all false. And to explain his ever-changing skin color he blames his skin illness called Vitiligo, which causes his skin to lighten. Jackson says puberty is all, his looks changed because he is growing up.

As the interview went on and Jackson opened up, Bashir asked him about the often hidden lives of his own children. Jackson who has three children, two Prince and Paris to ex-wife Debbie Rowe and

the third Prince II or "Blanket" the child's nickname with an unidentified surrogate mother.

Jackson offered Bashir the rare chance to meet his children yet kept them covered by masks; according to Jackson this was done to conceal their identity.

Jackson and his three children live without their mother at his ranch, but according to Jackson, Rowe wants the children to remain with him. "Debbie wanted to bear children for me as a present, it was a lovely gesture."

Jackson said he was so excited to have children that when his daughter Paris was born, "I snatched her and just went home with all the placenta all over her...got her a towel and ran."

Yet when asked about the birth of his third child, Jackson said that he was present at the birth but cannot reveal the identity of the mother due to a contractual agreement.

On the topic of his children

Finally Bashir questioned Jackson about the odd relationships and sleepovers he has with children. Bashir asked Jackson how he responds to people who say it is inappropriate for a forty-four year old man to be sharing

a bed with a child and Jackson stated: "I feel sorry for them because that's judging someone who just wants to really help people...it's a beautiful thing, trying to help heal a child."

Jackson then went on to say that he never invites a child to sleep in his bed, but if they want to they need to check with a parent.

"Why can't you share a bed? The most loving thing to do is share a bed with someone."

When asked about the alleged sexual abuse of the thirteen year old boy in 1993 Jackson said he was shocked because his greatest inspiration comes children and that:

"They want love, they want to be touched, they want to be held...I am just really sensitive to their pain."

Michael insisted that he loves children and only wants to help them.

"Like I said before and I'll



Photo courtesy of Sony Records

By 2000, Jackson appearance had altered dramatically.

Bashir asked Jackson about the incident in Berlin, where Jackson held six month old Prince II out a hotel window.

Jackson responded with: "We were waving to the thousands of fans below...they

"I've only had two surgeries that I can remember on my nose, and they were done to help me breath so I can hit higher notes."

Michael Jackson



Photo courtesy of BBC

Jackson is famous not only for his talent, but also for his love of children which has sparked a lot of controversy,

Jackson then went on to tell Bashir that is absurd for the media to think that he was harming his children.

"I love my children. I was holding my son tight and strong. Why would I throw a baby off a balcony? That's the stupidest, dumbest story I ever heard."

say it a million times: I'm not afraid to say it. If there were no children on this earth, if someone announced all kids were dead, I would jump off the balcony immediately. I'm done. I'm done."

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Award-Winning Comic to Perform

By Ryan Broadbin
Staff Writer

The Commuter Council and the Inter Resident Council are sponsoring Buzz Sutherland, comedian and voice impersonator, who will be performing his comedy show in the Mahogany room on February 17 at 10:10.

The comedy of Sutherland is a combination of his trademark duck voice and family stories. He discussed how the show is structured in his press package. "I do the duck for about one minute—the rest of my act is family. The majority of my jokes come from my children."

Sutherland has earned distinguished titles from college campus organizations. The Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities nominated

Sutherland as the Comedian and Entertainer of 2000. Sutherland has had the title of comedian of the year for five consecutive years with The National Association for Campus Activities. He has also made countless guest appearances on radio and television shows: HBO Comic Relief, Caroline's Comedy, Comedy on the Road, MTV's Comedy Half Hour, Host of Kid's Connection, and Dick Cavetti's Comedy Radio Show.

Sutherland stated in his press package that he likes to perform at colleges because he can relate to college students. "In my head, I'm still 22 and that helps me connect to who college students are."

Tom Wuestkamp, student life graduate assistant, said Sutherland has been in demand for a few years because he is very



Photo courtesy of Buzz Sutherland
Sutherland will be performing in the Mahogany Room Monday, February 17.

popular with college students. "We've been trying to get him for three years. This is the first time he's been available." Amy Ricci, vice president of Student Government for the Council of Clubs and Organizations, added that Sacred Heart University is fortunate to have Sutherland. "He is supposed to be very entertaining. We are lucky to have him here to provide entertainment for the students."

Grin and "Bear" It

By Guy Savage
Staff Writer

I went to the "Bear and Grill", located at 2000 Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield, expecting a great dining experience but was given something very different. My roommate and I arrived at the "Bear and Grill" at approximately 7:30 p.m. on a Saturday night and the first thing that we noticed was the ample amount of parking located behind the restaurant.

Not knowing that there was a back door closer to the parking we ventured to the front of the building to the dimly light entrance of the "Bear and Grill" and that is when the adventure began...

We were greeted at the door by a sign instructing us to cut through the bar area to the foyer where a very attractive hostess informed us of a 20-minute wait, which on a Saturday night is very reasonable. As we stood waiting for a table, the manager came up to us and asked, "Table for two???...I've got a table right out here for you." He led us back into the bar area, pointed a table out to us and left. He did not bother to ask if we preferred smoking or non-smoking and didn't bother to find out if we were ok with the fact that he was taking us somewhere where we had asked not to be seated prior in the night. We

lofted ourselves up onto incredibly high chairs and noticed the unusually small size of our table. The next thing to notice was the atmosphere of where we were sitting. There was a lot of talking, along with a lot of positive energy; people seemed to be having a great time.

The "Maine cabin" style of the restaurant is something different and fun to be in. Just as we

I stopped her and added that we would like sodas also. The meals arrived in what seemed to be record time. I was greeted by a Buffalo Burger with a side of garlic bread while my roommate was given Chicken Penn, and, the portions were more than plentiful. I had felt all night that the "Bear and Grill" had been lacking the praise it has received until I started my meal.

The food was absolutely perfect. We devoured what we could then decided to call it a night. We got the check and it was a moderate \$33.76, paid, and left.

I am truly torn on this review of the "Bear and Grill". I have received better service at McDonalds

but the food seems to creep into my mind every time I am about to shoot down the idea of eating there.

The atmosphere, set up, and food make the "Bear and Grill" one of the best places to eat near SHU. The service, lack of friendliness and rush you out style make the "Bear and Grill" somewhere you want to avoid.

If you are a person that goes to a restaurant solely for the food then this is a great restaurant for you; if you enjoy the whole dining experience then I suggest taking your business somewhere else.

had seemed to forget our problem of being stuck where we didn't want to be, we smelled smoke. There were many patrons at the bar lighting up and we found the fact that the management didn't even offer us the option of smoking or non-smoking to be preposterous. The bar-goers seemed to be only inches from our table the entire night with the wait staff constantly bumping and excusing themselves by the table and the crowd.

Our bus person then came to our table, filled us with water and gave us bread very efficiently. Our waitress was the next person to arrive; she took our orders and was ready to walk away when



Spring into Style

By Erin Demchak
Staff Writer

March is quickly approaching us and in nearly one month the weather will be warmer, the birds will be chirping and love will be in the air—springtime is coming! And we all know what that means, time to pack up the coats, sweaters, and boots, and bust out the flirty spring looks like short sleeves, skirts, and sandals. This spring is all about accentuating your assets, if you've got it, why not flaunt it? Wear those tight pants and low cut tops ladies!

Pink is a big color for the spring as well as "sorbet" colors like lemon, lime, and orange and any other vibrant color that can brighten up a dull wardrobe. Pretty floral prints, sexy satin fabric, and feminine modern looks inspired by the 50's and 60's will also be hot this spring. Girls, show off your sexy shoulders in strappy dresses, and lightweight camisoles paired with either the classic miniskirt, or a pair of slimming jeans.

Let's talk about shoes, because us girls love our shoes! No more claustrophobic boots, it's time to show off your per-

fectly pedicured feet with some hot, open toed sandals. This season give your outfit a sexy touch and show off your long legs with a suede slip on, a thong sandal, or a pair of stilettos with a buckled strap going around the ankle.

The spring's biggest bag trend is an oversized utility bag that is large enough to carry anything you need, but is still stylish. Zippers and buckles are a big hit and lavish fabrics like satin and suede will be a stunning accent to your outfit.

Now that you're dressed to impress, it's time to do your hair and makeup. Full hair with lots of volume will give you a pretty, flirty, soft look that will make any guy want to run his fingers through it. For cheeks, blush is back and can brighten up your face and make you glow. Nude and apricot shades on the lips will look great when paired with vanilla or a soft pink eye-shadow, while full lashes will give your eyes that sexy touch.

Even though there is still snow on the ground and the weather remains chilly, the frigidness can inspire spring thoughts of flowers, warm weather, and most important, new clothes. Get in the mood for spring and get ready to make a bold fashion statement because March is just around the corner.



Photo courtesy of Calvin Klein
This Spring, flirty and fun patterns compliment romantic fabrics like silk and suede.

Teacher Gets Crafty

By Donna Palumbo
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart University professor Jonathan Walker gave a talk last week entitled "The Art & Craft of Stage Design." The talk, held on February 4 at 7 p.m. in the Gallery of Contemporary Art, was attended by a mix of both students and faculty members.

Walker began his lecture with this quote from the famous American stage designer, Robert Edmond Jones: "The sole aim of the art of theater designing is to enhance the natural powers of the actor." Throughout the course of the evening, Walker displayed some photographs of sets he had designed for various plays and then gave an overview of

the entire designing process. The key elements he focused on were realism, props and lighting.

"Mr. Walker is a very intelligent man and an excellent teacher with a great background. He was very informative and witty in letting us know what goes on and the process in how it is done when dealing with the various aspects that are involved in theater design" said Stephanie Ablamsky, a sophomore from Waterbury.

Although the talk was mostly geared towards artists and art majors, Walker went beyond the technical aspects of designing a set and delved into some background of a wide range of plays and explained how each aspect of the set directly comes from the influence of specific characters. It was very enlightening and educational for anyone interested in theater.

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"I've been swimming for 12 years, with this being my last meet home meet. I'm happy and sad at the same time," said

SHU student Rick Roman.

Senior Lauren Testa (Hastings-on-Hudson, NY) rounded out the scoring from the seniors with an impressive victory in the 50 freestyle (29.05)



Photos by John Antignani

(Top): Left to Right Seniors Carrie Crum, Erin Lavelle, Laurie Honan and Lauren Testa hold their bouquets which they received at their final swim meet. (Above): Kim Callicoate Assistant A.D. of Compliance and C. Donald Cook the Director of Athletics show their support for the swim team.

Crum. "I'll miss all of the girls and hopefully I can visit them in the future.

"We're tremendously proud of Carrie and all of the girls on the team," said her father, Mr. Crum. "How they're able to combine sport and education on the collegiate level is inspiring."

"I'm amazed how much the SHU swim team has advanced as a program in so short of a time," commented SHU graduate student, Edgar Palacios.

Senior Erin Lavelle (Yonkers, NY) placed second in the Individual Medley (2:42.45) and first in the 100 backstroke (1:05). "I've had some bursitis in my right shoulder and have been rehabbing it for the past two months," said Lavelle. "The individual Medley isn't my usual event, but coach put me in for the points."

According to Welch, "Erin went undefeated in the 100 backstroke this season, placing first in every meet she swam the event in." "She is highly competitive and so determined to win," admirably observed by friend and SHU track athlete, Mandy Orrock.

"She's happier than I've ever seen her, because she's doing what she loves best—competing on the collegiate level," remarked her friend,

Seen in the crowd of supporters were several officials of SHU's athletic community. "I'm learning a lot of the sports at SHU by attending events like this," said Assistant Athletic Director of Compliance at SHU, Kim Callicoate.

"Erin went undefeated in the 100 backstroke this season, placing first in every meet she swam the event in."

"We had a great meet, the girls swam well and five or six personal records were set. All of our seniors were honored—Carrie Crum, Laurie Honan, Erin Lavelle, and Lauren Testa. We're ready for some fast times at the NEC Swimming and Diving Championships in Maryland next week," concluded Welch. The SHU swim team hopes to continue their electrifying ways for one more week. Get ready to watch them shine in their chosen site of battle: The arena of water.

"We will swim our fastest times of the year at the Northeast Conference," remarked Welch.

Canisius Slips Past SHU 3-1

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third, Jeremy Redquest came into the game but did not face any shots.

Coach Shaun Hannah of the Men's hockey team truly believed that although the loss against Canisius Saturday night set Sacred Heart back in the standings, the men played a very strong game.

According to the official final standing after Saturday night's game in Division one hockey the line up was changed.

"Going into Saturday's night game, Sacred Heart and Canisius were tied for fourth place with 19 pts in the standings," Hannah commented.

"We played a real solid 60 minutes Saturday night against Canisius. We had some real good quality chances to score some goals but unfortunately we did not. We fell a goal short with an empty net to make it three to one. We outplayed Canisius for the whole game, but we were not able to get the win. It wasn't for a lack of effort. The guys really played hard on Saturday night," Hannah added.

Canisius's win set them into third place. Holy Cross's win this past weekend put them in a tie for fourth place with Bentley

College, pushing Sacred Heart one spot down with the loss to Canisius into fifth place.

"Going into Saturday's night game, Sacred Heart and Canisius were tied for fourth place with 19 pts in the standings," Hannah commented.

Although the loss has set Sacred Heart back to fifth place, the team members still remain optimistic to gain control of a higher position, even after Saturday night's game, which placed them in fifth.

"Even with the loss of the game we are still trying to keep our heads up high because we are still in the hunt for home ice advantage in the playoffs, commented Hrapchak.

Seniors, Konn Hawks (Watrous, SK) and Nick Nutter (Hamden, CT) are key players on the team and we are just looking for them to play well for us," Hrapchak added.

"This was the first time Lapointe played on home ice

and he played very well considering he was a bit nervous. Once the game went on and he was not as nervous and got the butterflies out of his system and he took control," Hrapchak commented.

"We have quite a few seniors that will be graduating this year and we kind of have some high expectations for the team. We are expected to do well and we do put extra weight on our shoulders. The next couple of years might be rebuilding years so this is our last kick at the cat to win the league, Hrapchak added.

Even with the set back many of the men will return to the ice on February 15 as they travel to Erie, PA.

"We are going to need to win those four points next weekend even though we play one of the best teams in the league right now, in their own rink. We want to stay in that race for home ice advantage and we are going to need every point we can get until the end of the year," goalie Eddy Ferhi (Charenton, France) commented.

The Lakers of Mercyhurst have home ice advantage for the game on February 15, 2003 but Sacred Heart Men's ice hockey team will be there in full force. The puck drops at 7pm.

Hard Working Goalie

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big gear you are really thankful that you parents made you that big.

What really drives Ferhi is playing in the big games. In his career he has a number of memorable games, highlighted by a 5-3 win on the road at Cornell, and a 4-4 tie with the eventual national champion runners up University of Maine up in Orono. Ferhi needed to make 47 saves on the Black Bears to preserve the tie.

"I usually play better in the big game when it's tougher. Its more reason to get going because it's really a test," he said. "That's where you really want to prove you're not just a fluke and you really worked hard to get wherever you got and get whatever recognition you have, and its just more fun.

"Ferhi is currently poised to completely re-write the Sacred Heart goaltending records. He is in reach of career games played (91), career minutes played (4,700), and is currently tied in victories (31), all of which are currently owned by Ferhi's predecessor Alexis Jutras-Binet.

This season Ferhi has been named the ITECH MAAC League Goalie of the Week

three times, and the last two weeks successively. Although the individual awards are nice, Ferhi doesn't play for himself.

"I won those awards the last two weeks because the whole team has been playing a lot better, not just me picking it up. It's a team thing, and you need every piece of your game going."

"I usually play better in the big game when it's tougher." Senior Goalie Ferhi

Ferhi is an International Business major, but would like to continue playing hockey in North America. "I don't know how it's going to end up, you never know," he said. "I'm going to do everything I can to achieve it, but it's not easy."

Hannah, though, is confident that Ferhi will be a success in anything he chooses in life. "He's going to be a success in whatever he does. If he ends up getting a job with a company in an International Business environment the fact that he's been to a couple different parts of the world he'll be a success in that arena as well."

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A Season Of Success for Seniors

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February 8, 2003 the Sacred Heart Wrestling Team had their last home match of the 2003

overall performances; Anthony Reynolds, currently ranked 5th in the nation, a defending CAA champion and NCAA qualifier, Jason Cuculo, defending CAA

Sacred Heart University when the team finished with a win of 34-5 over Binghamton. "Last year this team beat us 22-21. To come back only one year later and beat them 34-5 just shows how far this team has come. The guys are doing great and I am really looking forward to the conference tournament," said Seras.

Jason Cuculo (133), Marc Laramée (149) and Anthony Reynolds (197) all picked up wins wrestling in their last matches in the Pitt Center. Mike Messina, Robert Bellville, Wayne Oakley, and John Miller all won as the Pioneers defeated Binghamton.

"This win was big for us as a team, it shows

the tremendous improvement and steps we have taken as a team since last year. The hard work paid off and showed tonight. As far as the seniors, I can't say enough about them. They have been nothing but leaders on our team all year and I am happy they went out like they did in front of the home crowd," said sophomore teammate Greg Cappello.

"Last year this team beat us 22-21. To come back only one year later and beat them 34-5 just shows how far this team has come."



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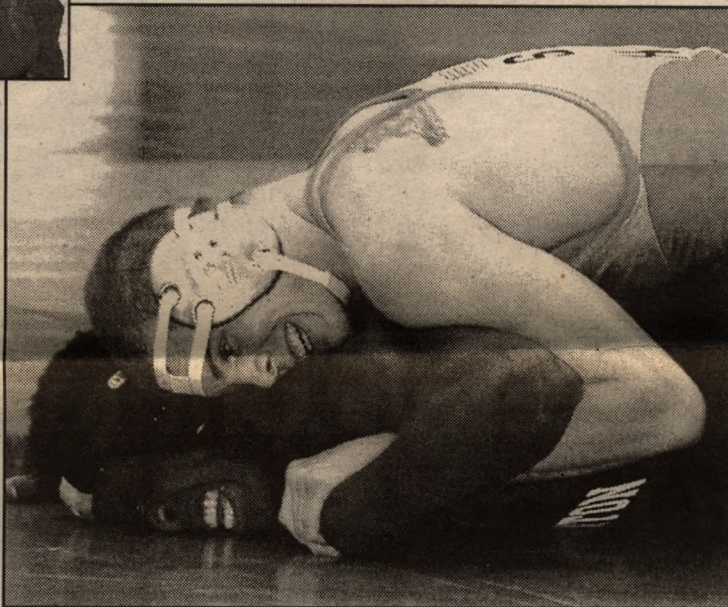
(Above): From left to right Seniors Mark Laramée, Anthony Reynolds and Jason Cuculo pose following their final senior match at SHU. (Right): Nationally ranked Reynolds presses his opponent into the mat face first.

season. Pioneers met up at the William H. Pitt Center looking to avenge last year's 22-21 defeat to the Wildcats. This match was not only the last home match for the entire season but also the last ever home match for the seniors.

On Saturday night, two seniors were recognized for their

champion and NCAA qualifier, and Mark Laramée.

In the beginning of the match the three of these seniors walked onto the mats they have been wrestling on for four years with their mother by their side. The seniors surely took advantage of their last home game of their wrestling career at



Eddy Ferhi: International Man of Goaltending

Senior Goalie Eddy Ferhi has worked hard in the off-season to become successful on the ice.

By Henry Gargiulo
Sportswriter

With a calm, even demeanor, senior goalie Eddy Ferhi (Charenton, France) sets the tone on the ice for the Sacred Heart University Men's Ice Hockey team.

Ferhi started playing hockey in his hometown of Charenton, France, around the age of eight. Upon arriving at his first practice, his coach gave him an option. He laid out a set of player equipment, and a set of goalie equipment, Ferhi took both and a year later, at the age of nine, he started to get into the position.

"I thought goalie was going to be more original than being a player," Ferhi said, "You have

15-20 players on a team and only one or two goalies. I just figured I'd just go for the more original job and I stuck to it because I liked it."

When he was 17, Ferhi graduated high school in France and was faced with a tough decision. "[In France] if you are going to study at a high level you can't play sports, because it takes up all your time. Or if you're going to play sports you can't study, and I didn't want to stop either."

He made the decision to move to Canada and start playing junior hockey in Quebec for Levis Lauzon. This is where Sacred Heart's head coach Shaun Hannah would find, and recruit Ferhi.

"We had actually been recruiting Marc-Andre Fournier, (Junior, Ste. Nicholas, Que)" Hannah said, "So we went up to see Marc play, in watching the game we saw Eddy, and fortunately for us we were able to bring both guys into Sacred Heart."

When Hannah did make the offer of Division I hockey

to Ferhi, he decided to forgo his last remaining year of junior hockey eligibility to head south to Fairfield and Sacred Heart. "I was ready to move on, start studying, and getting serious about my life and playing college hockey, and Sacred Heart looked good to me" he said.

The style of goaltending Ferhi plays is a butterfly style, which he has honed over the last eight years at a school in Switzerland. Ferhi trains with Francois Allaire, who is currently the goalie coach of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. Allaire has worked with such NHL goalies as Patrick Roy, Roberto Luongo and David Aebischer.

"[Allaire] is the father of the butterfly style," he said, "You just go out there and you learn from him, and you learn from watching other pro goalies there. That's made me the goalie I am today." His extra efforts have not gone unnoticed by his coach.

"One of the important things we look for in guys coming into our program are guys who do a little extra to improve. The fact that Eddy went to this camp in

Switzerland that has top notch goaltender training was an indicator to me that Eddy wanted to do a little bit extra to make himself better," Hannah said, "It's something that helps us here at Sacred Heart, but it's also something that helps him individually as he's working towards his goal of continuing his hockey career."

The butterfly style is what Ferhi attributes some of his success to. "Flashy is 50/50, you either make the greatest save in the world or it goes in. The way I play, because I'm big, I don't need to do that kind of stuff."

Although being tall can make it harder to move around in net, Ferhi has worked hard on improving that aspect of his game to move his 6'3" frame on the ice. "You can be a little slower if you're tall and that is what I have to work on. Make sure I have pretty quick legs and have a lot of energy in net. But when you don't see the puck when it starts hitting you because you have those wide shoulders and

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HOCKEY

Men's Ice Hockey falls to Canisius as the Pioneers were only able to garner one goal.

By Jenn Jensen
Assistant Sports Editor

On February 8, 2003 at the Milford Ice Pavilion, the Men's Ice hockey lost to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference opponents, Canisius. Even with the loss, assistant captain, senior, Les Hrapchak (Wakaw, SK) managed to score the only goal at 15:12 in the second period, resulting in the three to one score at the final of the game.

"Peter won the puck back from the face off and it was a clean win. The puck came right back to me. I pulled my head up saw an opening and took the shot. It found it's way right into the net. It was too hard for the goalie to handle, Hrapchak commented.

Hrapchak's solo goal of the game was assisted by freshman, Peter Giatrelis (Hamden, CT) and sophomore Garrett Larson (Rycroft, AB). Before Sacred Heart could cheer to the opening goal of the game though, Canisius Griffiths tied up the score seven seconds later with a goal. At 1:57 in the third period Canisius's Jeff Street, scored the winning goal on a power play with assists by Todd Bowler and Jon Durno. The Griffiths scored a goal at 19:48 by Ryan Corcoran on Sacred Heart's empty net.

"Our team played a real good game. We had a talented goalie playing against us, stopping everything and we just couldn't get the puck behind him," Lapointe commented.

Sacred Heart University's goaltender, sophomore, Kevin Lapointe (Quebec City, QUE) made thirty-four saves while Canisius goaltender Bryan Worosz made 23 saves.

"Our team played a real good game. We had a talented goalie playing against us, stopping everything and we just couldn't get the puck behind him," Lapointe commented. For Canisius a switch up was made toward the end of the game and with twelve seconds left in the

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Recruiting Difficulties Plague SHU Fencing

The Fencing team battles to develop a strong squad despite difficulties recruiting.

By Amy Lavoie
Sports Writer

It's a sport with a long history dating back to the days of kings and queens. It's sword fighting, minus the blood and guts and death. It's a sport of precision, timing, distance, hard work, and determination. It's a passion for 13 Sacred Heart students, but not a sport that many people understand.

The sport is fencing. Battles of the first one to five points. Bouts for one athlete to touch the other five times with their weapon. It's just like any other game of offense and defense done in a different fashion than most other sports.

"But there are misconceptions about the traditional image and the actual modern sport," said Erik Hansen, currently in his second year as the Pioneers' head coach, "and it's a hard sport to watch if you don't know anything about it."

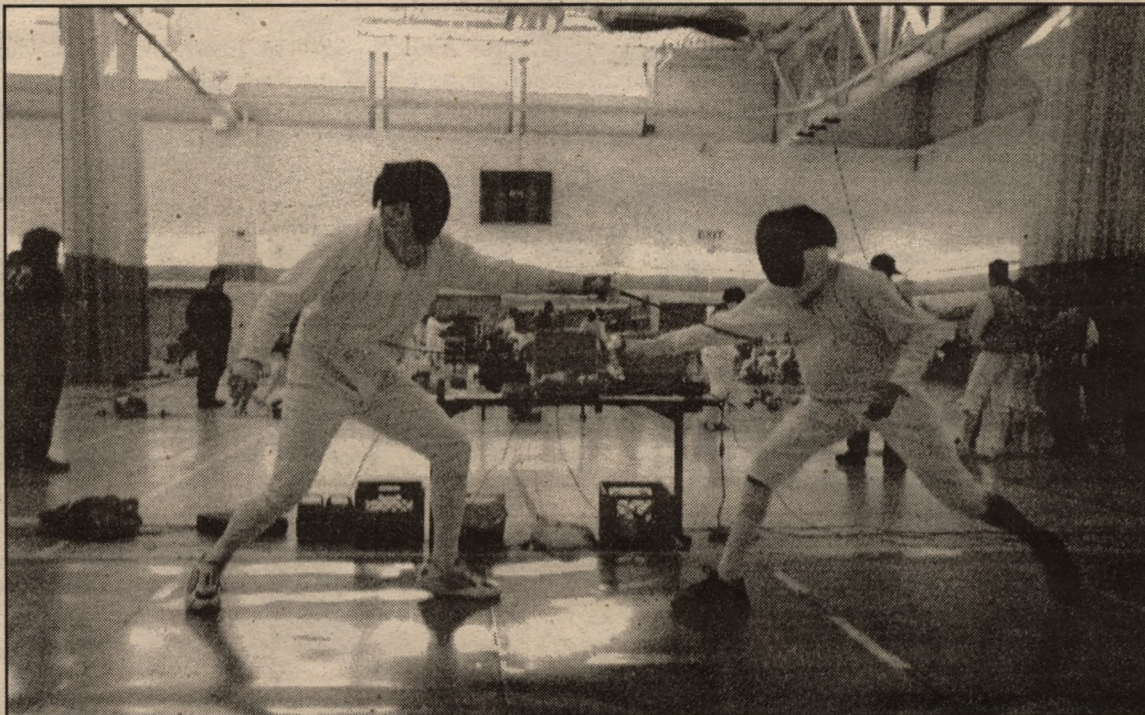
While fencing is still run, essentially, in a straight line, it is electronically scored, with charged suits and blades. One fencer attacks as the other defends and battles back, all the while

plugged into a machine, making them appear as if they are on a leash. A sport of skill, tactics, and strategy, fencing entails three weapons; foil, saber, and epee, and a squad of three people for each weapon. The ultimate goal of a college level fencing squad would be the NCAA tournament and currently the Pioneers have that caliber of athlete. They have the skill and the drive to advance to the regional tournament and then the NCAA level after that.

However, SHU's fencers are looking for something more. Sophomore Lea Ferland (Tiverton, RI) said, "Any USFA event would be good." The USFA is the amateur fencing association in the US, holding tournaments at levels as high as national for all ages. The USFA National Tournament, "the big show," Ferland called it, is the squad's real goal, not only for glory, but also as a learning experience.

"There's only so much you can learn from fencing the same people everyday," Ferland stated. Freshman Alex Bente (Setauket, NY) agreed, "It starts to get boring after a while." Without a full squad alongside a lack of variety in competition, the skill, morale, and potential of SHU's men's and women's fencing teams are at risk.

"Internal recruitment [at Sacred Heart] is tough because most students here already have a sport," said first year assistant



Contributed Photos

Two Sacred Heart Fencers lunge during a practice recently in the SHU Pitt Center. The Pioneer Fencing team has been plagued this year by inadequate numbers and recruiting woes.

coach Will Mahoney. Outside recruitment also proves to be a problem for SHU's fencing program due to a lack of scholarship funds. Members of the athletic department were unable to comment on this matter. However, considering the size and scope of the current squad, Hansen said that the team's budget is "workable."

"We have an automatic disadvantage because we're always missing people," said junior Jay Egan (Hackettstown, NJ). A full fencing squad includes three

people for each weapon, nine men and nine women, totaling 18 athletes.

Competition wise, an undefeated match would mean 27 wins, and a squad needs 14 wins for even a chance at team victory. However, SHU's men lose nine points right off the bat because they would need three more fencers, and therefore, never get a true shot at winning. The women lose six points from the very beginning as they are missing two fencers. The only match either SHU squad has won this season

was against Vassar in November, when the women outscored the opposition 14-13, despite losing the initial six points.

"You don't have to be the best or smartest athlete, but if you're willing to learn and work hard, you can become a great fencer, it's all a matter of what you put in," said Hansen. "It's all about coming in and learning the sport from the ground up. Fencing is something that most don't understand but can be easily understood and is just as competitive as any other sport."

Focused Pioneers

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to a record of 11-8 overall, and more importantly brought their conference tally back to .500 at 5-5.

With this recent win, the girls have put a positive spin on the rest of their season. "We are now 5-5, which is obviously only average, but the way we see it is that it we are now 1-0 in the last nine games of the regular season," says Kate Maher.

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Junior Ashley Kohl from Palmyra, PA, discusses the importance of the FDU win.

"It was definitely a great win for us, because before it we were 4-5, putting us at eighth place in

the league, so, we it was a must win situation, we need to stay within the top eight teams in the conference to make the NEC tournament."

Kohl herself added formidable numbers at the point tallying 9 points and tacking on 4 assists. "I knew when she went down that it was definitely time for me to step up. Mentally, I just have to focus on getting the team into the offense, while at the same time still play to my strengths," says Kohl.

Though things have started to turn around for the squad, the girls still feel that there is still much needed in order to accomplish their goals.

"We need to be more consistent. We play well for maybe twenty minutes out of forty and we are not too happy about that. We want to build a momentum now that will carry through to tournament time," says Maher.

With the tournament hanging in the balance Maher predicts more optimistic outcomes for this ball club, "If we can carry a good momentum into the tournament, then the games that we have lost by one, two, and three points will be turned into wins."

Providence Edges SHU

The Providence College Friars Women's Swim team beat the SHU Pioneers 148-95 this past week.

By John Antignani
Sports Writer

The Sacred Heart women's swimming team played host to the Providence College Friars on Sat. afternoon, Feb. 7, in a non-conference dual meet. Though the Friars prevailed by a 148-95 score; the final outcome was very deceiving.

Assistant Coach Patricia Welch said, "We placed first or second in nearly every individual event, but not being able to place more than one relay team in each of the relay events hurt us the most."

The sizeable contingent of parents, friends and roommates at the Wheeler Recreation Center at the University of Bridgeport, along with the colorful "Go Heart" signs hanging everywhere, kept the SHU swimmers

and divers energized throughout the course of the meet. The humid air was in deep contrast to the cool water that the swimmers knifed through in their quest to rally their teammates to victory.

"I'm amazed how much the SHU swim team has advanced as a program in so short of a time," commented SHU graduate student, Edgar Palacios.

Junior Christine DePierro (Cromwell, CT) recorded three first-place finishes on the day. Particularly outstanding was her time of 4:46:80 in the 400-free, improving her season-best by an almost unheard of five seconds.

Senior Carrie Crum (West Springfield, MA) swam the 800 freestyle (10:55.92) and 400 free-style (5:08.33) scoring valuable points for the team.

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SHU Loses Two

The Sacred Heart Men's Basketball team fell to both Monmouth and Fairleigh Dickinson this past week.

By Katie Atkins
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's basketball team had high hopes of mirroring early season wins against Monmouth and Fairleigh Dickinson, but fell short this week in contests against their fellow Northeast Conference teams.

"We let two games slip away and that makes it even more important for us to capitalize on the up and coming games," said junior guard Omar Wellington (Pennsauken, NJ).

Despite 23 points from junior guard Maurice Bailey (Hempstead, NY), the Pioneers could not muster enough offense last Thursday night and fell to Monmouth 73-53. SHU trailed 33-26 going into the locker room but a 23-5 Hawk run in the first 10 minutes of the second half shut Sacred Heart down for good.

Bailey was the only Pioneer to reach double figures and he did so on 9-14 shooting from the field.

SHU was lead in scoring once again by Bailey, who finished with 25 points, in Saturday's game against Fairleigh Dickinson University. This time Bailey had a little more offensive help as freshman guard Mike Parker finished the game with 10 points.

The Pioneers, now 5-17 overall and 3-8 in the NEC, shot just 37% on the way to their 82-73 loss against the Knights. In addition to his 25 points, Bailey also grabbed seven rebounds, shot 50% from the field and went 10-11 from the free-throw line.

Freshman forward Donnell King (Gaithersburg, MD), Wellington, and sophomore guard James Samuels (Uniondale, NY) added eight points a piece while

junior center Zach Spivey (Lubbock, TX) pulled down seven boards in the losing effort.

This past week's two losses severely dampened the Pioneers' playoff hopes. With just seven games left in their regular season, SHU is three games out of the eighth and final NEC tournament spot.

Sacred Heart is currently locked in a three-way tie for last place in the NEC along with Robert Morris and Mount St. Mary's.

The NEC is currently led by Wagner, who boasts a 10-2 conference record. Monmouth is currently ranked second with a record of 9-2 while Central Connecticut is not far behind with their 9-3 record.

In more positive Sacred Heart basketball news, the Pioneers are currently ranked first among all the NEC teams in steals by averaging almost nine per game. The team is also currently ranked second in offensive rebounds with over 14 per game.

As far as individual statistics, Bailey is currently ranked sixth overall with his 16.9 points per game average and Wellington is leading the steals the column with 2.23 per game.

The Pioneers will match up against Central Connecticut State University tonight at 7:30 pm at the Pitt Center. The game will be broadcast on Cablevision. SHU has another home game against Quinnipiac Saturday at 2 pm.

"We have a four game home stand coming up, and we have to get the job done," said Wellington.

Coach Bike was asked to comment on his team's recent inability to produce points and click as a team on the regular.

"Like most college teams, we have a number of offensive sets. Our problem is not always what we are doing but how we are doing it. A number of our guys have had good performances throughout the season. The negative part of that is that we haven't been able to get enough solid performances on the same night. We are working on helping each other do better.

A Championship Team

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conference appearance. Gore said, "I'm happy with my performance since it was my

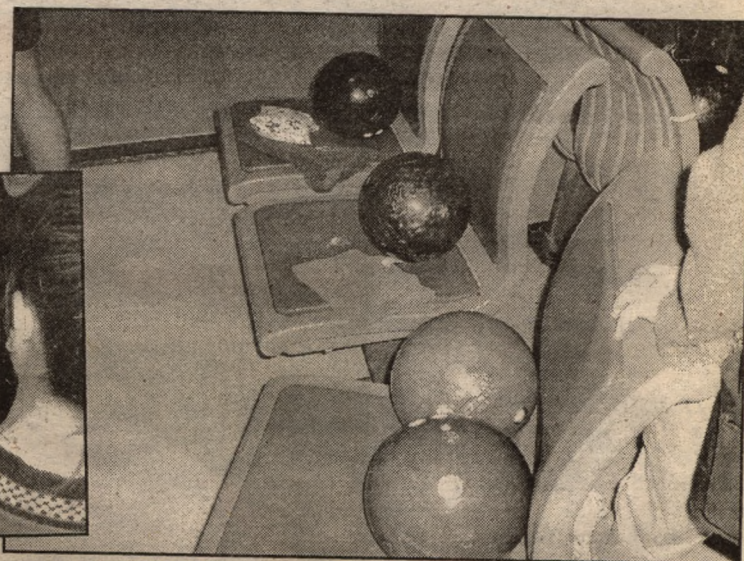


Photo by Christopher Giarrusso

(Above): The teams balls are all lined up for use.
(Left): The women break down prior to the conference championship which they took first place in.

first time in conference." Erin had to sit out two semesters after transferring from Virginia Tech. Gore said, "I am happy to help the team win the conference and happy to contribute to the teams success."

Other outstanding performances came from sophomore Dee Tchir (Endicott, NY) bowling a 217 average, sophomore Carolyn Rich (Little Falls, NY) with 216, junior Katie Atkins (Fairless Hills, PA) with 206 and sophomore Nicole Peloquin (Enfield, CT) with a 202.

Conference awards were also handed out after the competition.

Rockett (Maywood, NJ) and Tchir were named to the second all-conference team. Atkins, junior Cindy Zagorski (East Patchogue, NY) plus sophomore Carolyn Rich were named honorable mentions.

Head Coach Becky Kregling was named the EIBC Coach of the Year. Coach Kregling said, "It is nice to be honored and it

is the best we have bowled this season."

The men won three out of six games. They finished the season in fifth place. St. John's University won the EIBC championship. The Pioneers were lead by senior Jim Hazen (Miller Place, NY) bowling a 227 average over six games. Hazen said, "I bowled very well, and we did well as a team. It was a good learning experience."

Hazen was also named to the first team all-conference team. Other contributors for the men were Junior Tim Rosso (Saddle Brook, NJ) and sophomore Steve Columbus (North Adams, MA), who finished with a 202 average.

The men and women also traveled to Brattleboro, VT for the ACU-I Region 1 Championships on Feb 9. The women took home first place led by senior Chrissy

Rockett. She won the all-events title by knocking down the most pins over the nine games and averaging a 200. Rockett said, "I was very happy with my performance especially since I am a senior."

Rockett advances to the ACU-I National Tournament in Reno, NV in May. She said, "I can't wait, bowling has been an awesome experience for me and so much fun."

Teammate Gore placed second, by averaging 189, and Peloquin won the singles title with a 609 over the series.

The Men's team placed second led by freshman Dan Dabkowski (East Northport, NY) bowling a 187 average over nine games. The women and men are traveling to the Briarcliffe Invitational in Smithtown, NY on Feb 16.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb 14

Women's Swimming
Men's Ice Hockey

at NEC Champs Baltimore, MD TBA
at Mercyhurst Erie, PA 7:00 PM

Saturday, Feb 15

Men's Basketball
Women's Swimming
Men's Track
Women's Track
Wrestling
Women's Ice Hockey
Men's Volleyball
Men's Ice Hockey

vs Quinnipiac Fairfield, CT 2:00 PM
at NEC Champs Baltimore, MD TBA
at NEC Championship Landover, MD 9:00 AM
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at Harvard Boston, MA 2:30 PM
at Salve Regina Newport, RI 4:00 PM
vs E Stroudsburg Fairfield, CT 6:00 PM
at Mercyhurst Erie, PA 7:00 PM

Sunday, Feb 16

Women's Equestrian
Men's Bowling
Women's Bowling
Women's Swimming
Women's Track
Men's Track
Women's Ice Hockey

vs Stonehill Pembroke, MA TBA
at Briarcliffe Invit Smithtown, NY TBA
at Briarcliffe Invit Smithtown, NY TBA
at NEC Champs Baltimore, MD TBA
at NEC Championship Landover, MD 9:00 AM
at NEC Championship Landover, MD 9:00 AM
at Salve Regina Newport, RI 1:30 PM



Pioneers Ruin Respected Rutgers

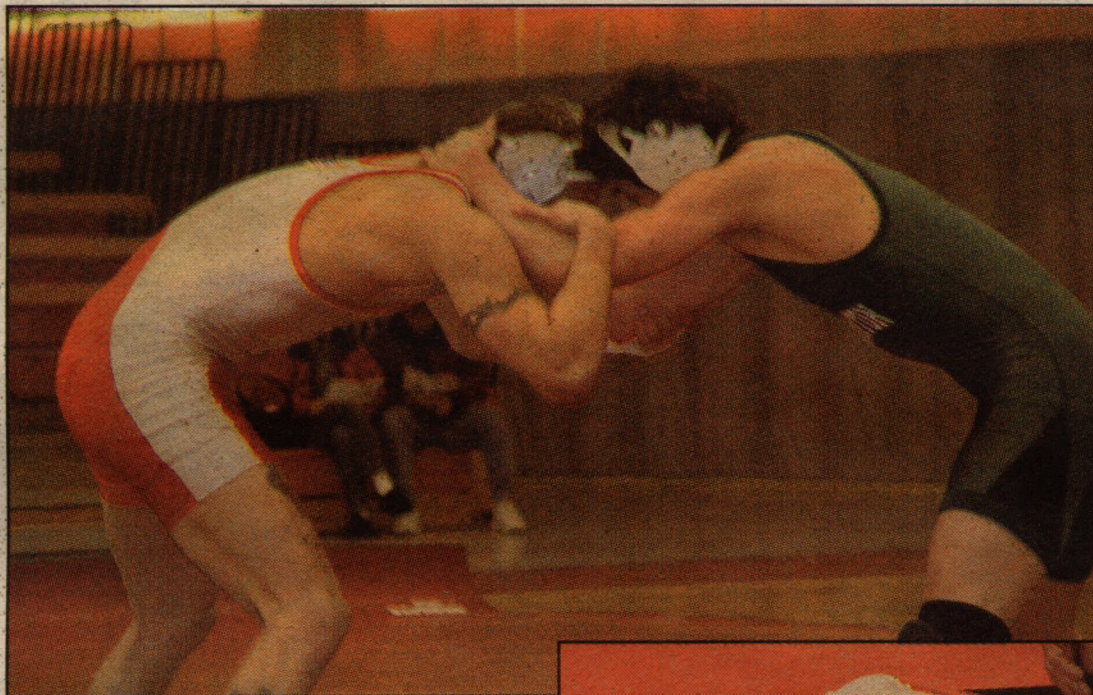
The SHU Wrestling team dropped Rutgers 20-14 and trounced the Binghamton Wildcats 34-5.

By Loren Aversa
Sportswriter

On Saturday, February 2, 2003, the Sacred Heart Men's wrestling team made their way to Piscataway, NJ to challenge Rutgers University in what turned out to be one of Pioneers biggest wins in five years. "Saturday's match was one of our biggest wins. We successfully defeated a highly respected team of the east coast," said head coach Andy Seras.

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Due to solid performances by junior Rob Belville (Chagrin Falls, OH), freshman Ron Wright (Bennington, VT), junior Wayne

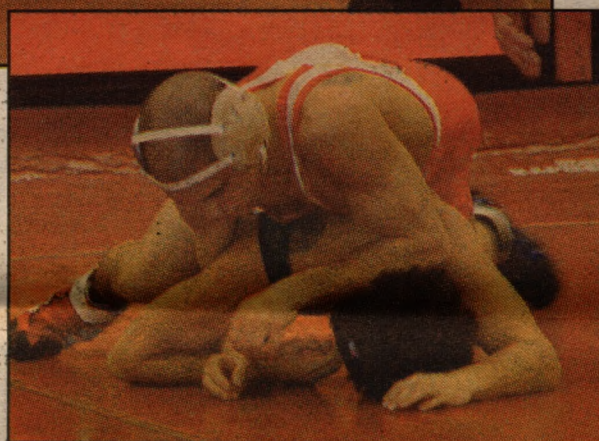


(Above): Wayne Oakley locks up with an opponent in an attempt to get a take-down.

Oakley (Pequannock, NJ), junior Mike Messina (Smithtown, NY), and senior Anthony Reynolds (Farmington, CT), the Sacred Heart Pioneers readily defeated Rutgers 20-14. The match began at 157 pounds when nationally ranked Rob Belville pulled of a 9-2 decision hoisting him up to a team best of 28-5.

Freshman Ron Wright unfortunately had a loss of a 5-1 decision but continues to improve every match. Wayne Oakley had a strong win with a decision 15-3 putting Sacred Heart in the lead

7-3. The match continued with a victory by Anthony Reynolds at 197. "Anthony Reynolds had another great performance tightening the match," said head Seras. At 141 pounds, Mike Messina sealed the deal when defeating his opponent 9-2.



Photos by Susan Magnano

Senior Co-Captain Jason Cuculo

At 7pm on Saturday night,

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Women Take First Place

The Men's and Women's Bowling teams competed in conference championships this past weekend.

By Christopher Giarrusso
Sportswriter

The Men's and Women's Bowling team competed in the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference Championships (EIBC) on Feb 8 at AMF Milford lanes. The women took home first place with a team high average score of 211 pins per player.

The women won five out of six games against St. Peter's College, New Jersey City University, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Bryant College. They also won 23 out of a pos-



Photo by Christopher Giarrusso

The Women's bowling team watches in anticipation as a teammate bowls in the final frames.

sible 30 individual points. The women closed out the season 21-3 in matches and 77.5 of 120 individual points against their conference opponents.

Their only loss came in the first game against Saint Peter's

College 1012-939. Sophomore Erin Gore (Woodbridge, VA) led the Pioneers with a 231 average over the six games in her first

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SHU Beats FDU

Win over FDU puts season into focus for the Pioneer Women's Basketball team.

By Michael Burns
Sports Writer

Just when the season started looking grim for the Sacred Heart Women's Basketball Team, following subsequent three point losses to conference opponents, St. Francis of Pennsylvania and Wagner College, a rejuvenated Pioneer squad took the floor in Hackensack, NJ to face Fairleigh Dickinson University. Rejuvenated to say the least; the Lady Pioneers demolished their conference foe 74-54.

The team was led by Senior Brooke Kelly (Medford, NJ) who dominated the first half scoring 15 of her game high 20 points.

Posting high numbers again was upstart Freshman Nicolle Rubino (Port Jefferson Station, NY) who tacked on 18 points of her own to go along with three assists.

The team also saw solid contribution off the bench from Junior Kate Maher from Waterford, Ireland who chipped in 13 points connecting on five of seven shots taken from the field to go along with seven boards. Maher explains her role coming in as a substitution, "I have to bring some energy off the bench and keep the girls who were already out there going. I just try and do the little things on the floor, as opposed to making a big shot, mainly my job is more to get the loose balls, play defense, and then score when needed."

The win not only snapped a two game losing streak for the team, but also helped them get

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INSIDE SPORTS

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Eddy Ferhi garners the athlete of the week with an impressive senior season with SHU. (Page 13)

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The Women's Swim team finished their season with an unfortunate loss to Providence. (Page 14)

HOCKEY

Canisius slips past the Pioneers despite a hard fought effort on behalf of SHU. (Page 13)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men lost two conference games this past weekend against Monmouth and Fairleigh Dickinson Center. (Page 15)

FENCING

The Fencing team struggles to keep recruits coming to Sacred Heart. (Page 14)